

Washington 15th Aug 1850
James C. Booth Esq care of John & Merriwell N.Y.
Dear Sir

I recd your letter of yesterday and see from the result of your conversations with Mr. Patterson & his son that it would be prudent to change the terms of the application. I shall therefore prepare a new form and submit it to the Secretary with as little delay as possible of you say so. My object is to let it be known at an early day that there is more than one person who has a plan for refining Gold. I shall alter the cost from 2500 off to 1500 per million and prepare within a week it & let the amount be paid in out of the cashing first fund of the Mint or to refining upon the conclusions already stated.

I wish I could see you that we might confer about the exact stipulations. If you agree with me I'd like to offer should be kept the draft at once let me know by return of mail if not by telegraph & I will carry in the memorandum without delay. I do not think you can safely explain your plan to anyone until the Patent has been issued which will be of the invention is approved in some 5 or 6 weeks. I hardly like to advise you to incur the expense of a trip here about this application tho' I think the importance of the enterprise will justify it as I should like to make the petition as full & clear as to what will suit your friends in Phila as possible. If the changes which I mention will make my first draft an application sufficient then I will prepare & present it upon your advising me of your concurrence. Of course I mean to offer only the right to use the Patent at the Mint in Phila & I select other mints as may be agreed upon afterwards.

15 Aug. 1850

H. M. Morfit

Washington

I shall be glad to hear from you directly

I sent a copy of my application to Campbell
who suggested some alterations which I shall make
He is very anxious that the application
should be presented before any one else secures any
advantage

Yrs. truly

Henry M. Morfit

The petition is to be in before the Secretary of the Treasury
it will be saving time to have it there while the Secretary
is away, as besides its giving the Secretary notice of the
matter it will only be laying it in the office when the
Secretary's attention could not be called to it. I wrote to
you yesterday I sent the sum of such a letter from the
Director as would answer our purposes admirably
but you did not have time to receive that before your
letter of yesterday was written to me. I wish however
rather than give any other applicant a chance
to present us — present the completed application
of you advise me to do so by letter or telegraph
or you may please